

# North Carolina National Guard Press Release

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**TO:** News Directors, Editors  
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**RE:** N.C. National Guard Soldier Killed in Iraq

**Raleigh** – A N.C. Army National Guard Soldier assigned to the 1132<sup>nd</sup> Military Police, (MP), Company was killed in Iraq, Sunday.

The deceased is Staff Sgt. Emanuel Pickett, 34, of Wallace, N.C.

Pickett was killed and 14 from the 1132<sup>nd</sup>, 9 NC Army National Guard Soldiers and 5 New Hampshire Army National Guard soldiers, were wounded during a rocket or mortar attack at their Forward Operating Base near Baghdad. The wounded are under medical treatment for light to medium injuries based on information provided by the public affairs office of the 18<sup>th</sup> MP Brigade the higher headquarters of the 1132<sup>nd</sup>.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Staff Sgt. Pickett's family and the families of all the Soldiers wounded in this attack" said Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr., Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard."

Pickett entered military service in 1992 by joining the North Carolina National Guard as a Telecommunications Operator and later served as a Chemical Operations Specialist. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004-2005 while assigned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team.

Pickett was awarded the Military Police Occupation Specialty in 2006. In September 2007, Pickett left his civilian law enforcement career to deploy to Iraq with the 1132<sup>nd</sup> MP Company. He is survived by his parents and two children.

Pickett earned multiple awards during his military career including the Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

The 1132<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company, headquartered in Rocky Mount, N.C., mobilized in June 2007 with approximately 120 Soldiers and is stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. They are due to return to N.C. by this fall.

Pickett is the eighth N.C. National Guard Soldier killed in action in the war on terror.

Additional information is available on the DOD website: <http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/>.

**Editors Note: The family members of Staff Sgt Pickett request that no media attempt to contact them at this time. Media with additional questions are requested to contact the NC National Guard Public Affairs Office at 919-664-6242. Funeral Arrangements and any other additional information will follow in further releases.**